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analysis of the cases will make much easier a mastery of the points of practice which he discusses. It is to be regretted that he did not widen the scope of his treatise so that it would be of value to the profession at large.

A SHORT HISTORY OF ROMAN LAW. By Paul Frédéric Girard. Being the first part of his *Manuel Élémentaire de Droit Romain*. Translated by Augustus Henry Frazer Lefroy and John Home Cameron. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company. 1906. pp. v., 220. 12mo.

Since its first appearance in 1895 the *Manuel Élémentaire de Droit Romain* of M. Girard has been recognized as from every point of view one of the best brief works available for the study of Roman law, and English readers will welcome a translation of the excellent historical introduction. The little volume is of about the same length as the historical chapters of Sohm's *Institutes*, but the method of treatment of the two jurists is so different that students will need to refer to both books. Moreover the general bibliography which M. Girard's translators have included has no parallel in the other manuals, and forms an admirable guide to the ancient and modern literature of the subject. The translation is faithful, though at times too literal for English idiom, and it is to be hoped that Messrs. Lefroy and Cameron will feel sufficiently encouraged to translate the remaining portion of the work.

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THE AMERICAN LAW RELATING TO INCOME AND PRINCIPAL. By Edwin A. Howes, Jr. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1905. pp. xviii, 104. 12mo.

This small volume explains in detail the rules of law which control the separation of the returns from trust investments into income and principal. The subjects treated include the ownership of dividends on stock, the duty of the trustee to preserve the *corpus* intact, the apportionment of loss or profit, the determination of the moment when enjoyment of income begins, and the apportionment of current income between life tenant and remainderman. While no attempt is made to deal with theoretical problems of law, the statement of principles is clear and accurate, and is couched in untechnical language. Hence laymen as well as lawyers should find the book useful.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY OF NEW YORK, from the Beginning of the Colonial Period to the year 1905, showing the Origin, Development, and Judicial Construction of the Constitution. By Charles Z. Lincoln. In five volumes. Rochester, N. Y.: The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company. 1906. pp. xxx, 756; xvii, 725; xviii, 757; xxvi, 800; 547-8vo.

A TREATISE ON THE INCORPORATION AND ORGANIZATION OF CORPORATIONS, created under the "Business Corporation Acts" of the several States and Territories of the United States. By Thomas Gold Frost. Second Edition, enlarged and revised to January 1, 1906. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1906. pp. xv, 698. 8vo.

STREET RAILWAY REPORTS ANNOTATED, reporting the Electric Railway and Street Railway Decisions of the Federal and State Courts in the United States. Edited by Frank B. Gilbert. Volume III. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender & Company. 1906. pp. xxvi, 1010. 8vo.

CURRENT LAW: A Complete Encyclopedia of New Law. Volume IV., Indictment to Witnesses. George Foster Longsdorf, Editor; Walter H. Shumaker, Associate. St. Paul, Minn.: Keefe-Davidson Company. 1905. xv, 1971. 4to.